

House Resolution 243

By: Representatives Keen of the 179th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Roberts of the 154th, Sheldon of the 105th, Fleming of the 117th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss and inviting him to appear
2 before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Saxby Chambliss was born in Warrenton, North Carolina, on November 10,
4 1943, and spent most of his early life living in the Southern United States, graduating from
5 C.E. Byrd High School in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1960, earning a Bachelor's degree in
6 Business Administration from the University of Georgia in 1966, and receiving his Juris
7 Doctor degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1968; and

8 WHEREAS, he was first elected to the United States Congress in 1994 to represent Georgia's
9 8th Congressional District, and throughout his legislative career, he has been honored with
10 numerous awards from both the private and public sector for his work in the fields of
11 agriculture, defense, budget, and national security; and

12 WHEREAS, as an attorney, he specialized in representing farmers' legal interests in South
13 Georgia, and during his four terms in the House, he was instrumental in drafting two farm
14 bills and reforming the federal crop insurance program through his chairmanship of the
15 Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management; and

16 WHEREAS, On November 5, 2002, Saxby Chambliss was elected Georgia's 63rd United
17 States Senator in what was one of the most stunning victories of the 2002 elections; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Chambliss has emerged as a leader and gained a reputation as an expert
19 on defense, intelligence, and agricultural issues, serving as a member of the Senate Armed
20 Services Committee, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Senate Rules
21 Committee, and he is the ranking Republican on the Senate Committee on Agriculture,
22 Nutrition and Forestry; and

1 WHEREAS, in January 2005, Senator Chambliss was unanimously elected by his
2 Republican colleagues to serve as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, and
3 on his first day as chairman, he delivered the committee's unanimous approval of the new
4 Secretary of Agriculture and swiftly moved forward with a series of hearings in step with the
5 developing concerns in livestock, school nutrition, grains and futures markets, food safety
6 and biotechnology's future for agriculture; and

7 WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of former Senators Richard B. Russell, Jr., and Sam
8 Nunn, Senator Chambliss is a strong voice for Georgia's defense industry and the military
9 community, and as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, he continues
10 Georgia's longstanding tradition of leadership and advocacy for the state's military
11 installations; and

12 WHEREAS, to ensure our troops on the ground have access to the most timely and accurate
13 intelligence, Senator Chambliss has worked steadfastly on the Senate Select Committee on
14 Intelligence, advocating dramatic improvements to the U.S. intelligence community's
15 information sharing and human intelligence gathering abilities; and

16 WHEREAS, In May of 2006, Senator Chambliss was honored with the CIA Director's
17 Award by the Director of Central Intelligence, receiving the agency's highest award in honor
18 of his extraordinary fidelity and exceptional service to the CIA; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Chambliss currently resides with his loving wife of more than 40 years,
20 Julianne, in Moultrie, Georgia, and they have two children and two grandchildren.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss for his outstanding
23 achievements as a U.S. Congressman and commend him for his unshakable loyalty to the
24 State of Georgia.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss is hereby invited to
26 appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of
27 the House for the purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate
28 copy of this resolution.